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RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2007 and further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed October 31, 2007, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments and remarks to put the claims in condition to be allowed. Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2 and **Remarks** begin on page 7. This Response is believed to be timely filed. In the event this paper is not timely filed, please charge any fees for extension to time for entry of this Response to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. Do not charge payment of the issue fee in response to this paper.